

The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“All Glory Be to God on High”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We bring our hopes and fears, our struggles, and our lives as they are,
into the presence of the One who leaves doors and futures
open to gracious possibilities.

God’s word lights the paths before us.

May this time of worship empower us to make faithful choices.

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May this time of worship renew and restore our relationships
with God and each other.

God’s word lights the paths before us.

OPENING PRAYER

Light up our path, God of Peace, with voices of our ancestors
whispering and singing hope and encouragement.

**Remind us that the union they found in their spirits
can illuminate this moment.**

In their wisdom, we can seek wholeness in your Spirit
and find peace in your presence.

Hold us together from generation to generation as the joy in your heart.

SING

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

#458

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Peace,

we come before you, scattered in the present and separated from our past.

**We play favorites when we shouldn’t, hold grudges instead of forgiveness,
and fail to do the work of healing and reconciliation
so needed in your world.**

It is rocky ground, and we know we cannot grow here.

Show us, God of Peace, the way of love through every division.

Silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God.

Through all these divisions, amidst all these separations,

God offers the Spirit's transformative power

for our companion, guide, and hope.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25: 19-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Hymn of Promise"

#250

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#607

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give with gratitude for your love despite all our imperfections, O God.

We will use these offerings to seek more union

through our division and greater love through all that separates us.

Bring to being in us genuine expressions of your love and grace in our world.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"For the Healing of the Nations"

#346

SHARED BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING

Go from this place finding the strength to right any wrongs,
to be the peace brought to division, to be the love needed within the world.
Go in peace.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

J.S. Bach